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## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki,  
Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham;  
Benno Sydow; Michael Ude

Church Cleaners: Welker

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki,  
Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls

Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn  
Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel

Church Cleaners: Unknown

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (VBS Review)  
10:00 am – Children Present Fun Songs From VBS  
10:15 am – Dorcas Guild Meeting  
7:00 pm – Chaska Worship Service

**Sun., Aug. 3:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper

**Sun., Aug. 10:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
10:15 am – Boards; 11:00 am – Council Meeting

**Mon., Aug. 25:** 10:00 am – ILC Opening Service

**Mon., Sept. 2:** Grace School Opening Day

Last Week's Stats: July 20, 2008		Sun.: xxxx	
Sun. Offering:	Grace: 2,437.02	CLC: 784.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace: 3,225.00	CLC: 1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace: -719.22	CLC: -95.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace: 87,114.47	CLC: 27,700.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace: 93,525.00	CLC: 29,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace: -6,410.53	CLC: -1,299.65	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith: 17.00	Tuition: 41.00	
GLC Other: 19.00	MDF: 17.00	Kinship: 64.00	
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg. 332.00	IIF: 14.00	CEF: 39.00

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

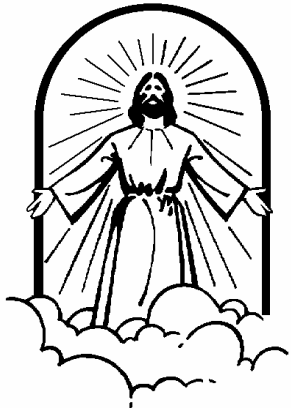
# GRACE

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



## Who Is Like the LORD?

CREATION - PRESERVATION - REDEMPTION - SANCTIFICATION - GLORIFICATION



**GRACE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
**VBS REVIEW/PENTECOST 11**  
**JULY 27, 2008**

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## Who Is Like the LORD?

**Worship Preparation** ..... *Psalm 113, TLH p. 147*

**Opening Prayer:**

**Opening Hymn:** ..... *TLH 246: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

**Responsive Opening:**

*P: We begin our service in the name of the name of the LORD God – Jehovah – our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit..*

**C [Spoken]: Amen.**

*P: The almighty, gracious LORD be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

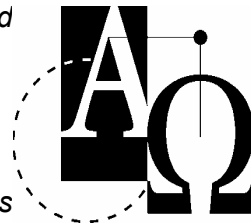
*P: Dear friends in Christ, aware of God's providence and grace, let us bow before Him to confess our sins ...*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in desire, thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray You: in Your mercy forgive what we have done, amend what we do, and direct what we shall do; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*P: Friends, hear the Good News: By the direction and in the place of and in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: All glory be to God. Amen.**



The Feast of Trumpets has been “Christianized” by certain ones who see it as part of end time theology. These groups are millennialistic, and believe in the rapture before the end. They apparently believe- by misinterpretation of Scripture - that blowing of horns will usher in the alleged 1,000 year rule of Christ on earth, and therefore that blowing of the shofar will be a landmark day in history.

Apart from the false millennialistic dreams, the idea that trumpet blowing will stir the heart of God is patently absurd. As we live in the last times the heart of God is not stirred by sacrifice and human inventions. What He calls for is repentance- a turning from sin, and a turning to Him in faith. The Lord said to Judah, “Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor yours sacrifices sweet to me” (Jeremiah 6:20). So also it is with man’s inventions to stir the heart of God. When the end comes - unannounced and as a thief in the night, (2 Peter 3: 10) - the Lord will receive into eternal glory those who trust in and confess the Lord Jesus. They thankfully acknowledge, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Psalm 51:17). That is the faith and confidence of those whose faith is in Christ Jesus, the Redeemer and Savior.

We reiterate: Not the mere verbalization of the Lord’s name, but faith in Christ saves. “**NOT EVERYONE THAT SAYS UNTO ME, ‘Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven’**” (Matthew 7:21).

The second article that caught our attention was that which reported that some assert on the basis of questionable sources that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead was not the first resurrection. These scholars assert that there was a messiah who suffered, was killed and rose again three days later, but decades before Jesus. The premise of this claim which we know to be false is not taken seriously by many, including Hebrew scholars. Nevertheless, it is indicative of the rejection of God’s Word, and therefore of the person and the unique work of our Savior.

What is the faith of the Bible believing Christ believer? It is summed up succinctly in the words of Martin Luther’s explanation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> article of the Creed.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death; that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

He who in this faith calls upon the Lord shall be saved!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 7/13/2008

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Dorcas Guild:** The Dorcas Guild will meet today following the service.
- ◆ **Thanks** to all those who taught and helped out with the Vacation Bible School this past week. 25 young souls attended and were nourished around the Word of God. May God's power sustain them in their lives!
- ◆ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching, subbing, or helping out in any kind of way may speak with either Pastor or Michael Ude.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Sarah Noeldner, member from Eau Claire who has been attending Grace recently, was diagnosed with Behcet's disease, a rare autoimmune disease.. She was transferred to Mayo late this past week.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Nathaniel Mayhew of Zion in Lawrenceville, GA (Atlanta area), has received the call to Faith in Markesan, WI. † News from our congregations in south Texas is positive regarding hurricane Dolly. Both churches and members were spared any significant damage.

“NOT EVERYONE THAT SAYS UNTO ME, ‘Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven’” (Matthew 7:21). We are growing weary of beating the same drum. But so long as the world stands, the faithful child of God who in fact believes in the Triune God, and confesses, and trusts in the Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, as the only Savior from sin, must continue to be diligent, and then just as diligently beat the drum. The beat is this: Not every teaching that sounds Christian, not every individual by reason of his use of the name of Jesus, not every feel good Christian emotion, not every Bible carrying person, is for those reasons alone confessing the Christian faith. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matthew 7:22-23).

This present drumbeat is incited by an article that recently appeared in *WorldNetDaily*(WND) on July 7. An “American pastor” is planning an event in which he encourages “an around the world shofar (The shofar in the Old Testament was a ram’s horn) assembly in every time zone on the Feast of Trumpets at sunset announcing to Messiah we are awake and anxiously anticipating His return. What a dress rehearsal! Won’t that stir His heart?” The Feast of Trumpets suggestion is a takeoff on an Old Testament feast commanded to Moses by the Lord and recorded in Leviticus 23:23-25 (cf. Numbers 29:1-6). The Feast of Trumpets was the sounding of the trumpets on the first day of the seventh month (Tishri) of the religious calendar year (Leviticus 23:24; Numbers 29:1). “The Feast of Trumpets is so important in Jewish thinking that it stands alongside Yom Kippur (‘Day of Atonement’) to comprise what Judaism calls ‘the high holy days’ on the Jewish religious calendar. It begins the ‘ten days of awe’ before the Day of Atonement” (Internet source).

## Responsive Reading:.....Psalm 113

P: *Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,*

**C: Praise the name of the LORD!**

P: *Blessed be the name of the LORD*

**C: From this time forth and forevermore!**

P: *From the rising of the sun to its going down*

**C: The Lord's name is to be praised.**

P: *The LORD is high above all nations,*

**C: His glory above the heavens.**

P: *Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high,*

**C: Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?**

P: *He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,*

**C: That He may seat him with princes; With the princes of His people.**

P: *He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children.*

**C: Praise the LORD!**

## CREATION

### Lesson 1: ..... Genesis 1:1-3, 31

(1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (3) Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ... (31) Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

### Memory Passage:.....Exodus 20:11 (Level 3)

“For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them.”

### Hymn: ..... TLH 39, st. 1-3: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## PRESERVATION

### Lesson 2: .....Job 38:3-4; 39:19, 26-27; 40:9

(Job 38:3-4) Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. (4) "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. ... (Job 39:19) "Have you given the horse strength?... (Job 39:26-27) "Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, *And* spread its wings toward the south? (27) Does the eagle mount up at your command, And make its nest on high? ... (Job 40:9) Have you an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like His?

### Memory Passage:.....Psalm 124:8 (Level 1)

Our help is in the name of the LORD.

**Memory Passage:**..... *Psalm 121 (Level 4)*

I will lift up my eyes to the hills -- From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

**Hymn:** ..... *WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father*

**REDEMPTION**

**Lesson 3:**..... *John 19:17-18, 30*

(17) And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place of a Skull*, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, (18) where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. ... (30) So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

**Memory Passage:**..... *1 John 1:7 (Levels 2 and 3)*

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 155: Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*

**SANCTIFICATION**

**Lesson 4:**..... *Luke 19:2-10*

(2) Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. (3) And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. (4) So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. (5) And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." (6) So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. (7) But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." (8) Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." (9) And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; (10) "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**Memory Passage:**..... *1 John 1:7 (Level 2)*

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth.

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 225: Come, Holy Spirit, Come*

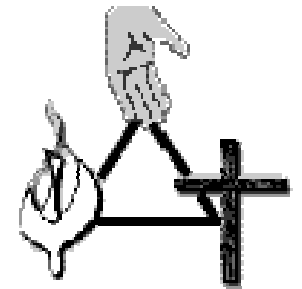
**GLORIFICATION**

**Lesson 5:**..... *1 Corinthians 15:20, 35-37, 42-44a, 54-57*

(20) But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ... (35) But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" (36) Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. (37) And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain; perhaps wheat or some other *grain*. ... (42) So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. (43) It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. (44) It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. ... (54) So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (55) "O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?" (56) The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. (57) But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Children's Hymn:**..... *TLH 541, st. 1-2, 4-5: O Blessed, Holy Trinity*

1. O blessed Holy Trinity,  
Divine, eternal Unity,  
God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Be Thou this day my Guide and Host.
2. My soul and body keep from harm,  
O'er all I have extend Thine arm,  
That Satan may not cause distress  
Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.
4. My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart,  
O my Redeemer, help impart,  
Blest Comforter, keep at my side  
That faith and love in me abide.
5. Lord, bless and keep Thou me as Thine;  
Lord, make Thy face upon me shine;  
Lord, lift Thy countenance on me  
And give me peace, sweet peace, from Thee.



**Hymn & Offering:**..... *WS 744: How Great Thou Art*

**Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Benediction:**

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 644: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Silent Prayer:**

